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PLEASE PASS TO NOAA FOR N.E. JOHNSON, IA.

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: WMO, ESCAP
SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT BY WMO OF STORM SURGE DATA EXPERT.

1. WMO/ESCAP PANEL ON TROPICAL CYCLONES HAS PROJECT TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA ON STORM SURGES IN BAY OF BENGAL. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (INDIA, BANGLADESH, BURMA AND MALAYSIA) HAS BROUGHT FORTH ONLY SCANTY RESULTS FROM METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT MUCH MORE DATA COULD BE FOUND IF DILIGENT SURVEY COULD BE MADE BY SUITABLE EXPERT.

2. SECRETARIAT HAS FUNDS (UNEP) USABLE ONLY THROUGH JUNE 1978, SO WISHES TO HAVE EXPERT IN MIND IF PROJECT IS APPROVED AT MEETING OF PANEL 21-27 FEBRUARY, LAHORE. REQUIREMENTS GIVEN IN MEETING DOCUMENT ARE:

A. EXAMINATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE HISTORICAL STORM SURGE DATA ALREADY LOCATED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES;

B. IF THE DATA IS NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE, THE INITIATION OF FURTHER STEPS TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL DATA;

C. THE PHYSICAL COLLECTION OF ALL AVAILABLE DATA;

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D. EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS OF THESE DATA;

E. DEVELOPMENT OF STORM SURGE PREDICTION MODELS;

F. APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES IN THE OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THE DOCUMENT POINTS OUT THAT, "A DETERMINED EFFORT TO FIND THESE DATA, IN THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DETAIL AND FOR AS MANY PAST SEVERE SURGES AS POSSIBLE, REMAINS THE KEY TO AN EARLY UNCLASSIFIED

IMPROVEMENT OF THE PREDICTION TECHNIQUES." A SUBSEQUENT PROJECT WILL BE SET UP TO DEVELOP THE PREDICTION MODELS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE EXPERT SELECTED FOR THE INITIAL STUDY SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PRESENT STAGE OF KNOWLEDGE IN STORM SURGE PREDICTIONS.

3. SINCE THIS IS A PRELIMINARY REQUEST, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT INDICATION OF US EXPERTS WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR TWO MONTHS ENDING NOT LATER THAN 30 JUNE BE ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO MR. PETER ROGERS, WMO SECRETARIAT, GENEVA, BEFORE 17 FEBRUARY. SORENSON

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